

the **Future** King County

We are updating our Strategic Plan

To gather meaningful input for this update, we recently spoke with city and leaders from around the county, our own employees, and the general public in workshops, focus groups, and an online discussion forum.



What we heard

According to participants, making changes in the following six areas will make the most difference in the lives of people who live, work, and play in King County.

- 1. Mobility** - Create a seamless network of transportation options to get people where they need to go, when they need to get there.
- 2. Economic vitality** - Increase access to quality job opportunities in all areas of the county for all people.
- 3. Safety** - Increase patrol in high crime areas, enforce laws, and enhance prevention through social services.
- 4. Housing** - Increase access to quality housing that is affordable and near quality job opportunities.
- 5. Equity** - Eliminate discrimination and create equal opportunities for *everyone*.
- 6. Healthy environment** - Preserve open space and rural character and address threats to our environment, such as climate change.

In order to do this well, community members said that we should:

- **Coordinate for one king county** - Collaborate with other local governments, businesses, and community organizations to share resources and find regional solutions that recognize local needs.
- **Engage the public meaningfully and authentically** - Inform the public about county services and operations, ask what they want, listen to what they have to say, and respond to their concerns.
- **Continue efforts to be efficient and effective** - Don't lose sight of our efforts to be lean in our operations as we consider new roles for the county in solving economic, housing, discrimination, and other complex problems facing our communities.

Next Steps

We will use this feedback to inform our elected leaders as we update the King County Strategic Plan. This input will help shape our long term priorities and immediate focus areas as we strive to achieve our goals and vision for One King County.

See www.kingcounty.gov/strategicplan for additional details on the Strategic Plan update